



The Politics of Obedience: The Discourse of Voluntary Servitude

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Frequently cited in discussions of the 'consent' theory of power. The accuracy of this 'Gandhian paradigm' of Boetie has been questioned (see Randle, [Civil Resistance](#) [2] ([A. 1.b. Strategic Theory, Dynamics, Methods and Movements](#) [3]), p. 31), but Boetie has been used in the past by religious dissidents and from the 20th century by exponents of unarmed resistance. For discussion of his Renaissance context, (see Bleiker, [Popular Dissent, Human Agency and Global Politics](#) [4] ([A. 1.a.ii. Theories of Civil Disobedience, Power and Revolution](#) [5]) pp. 51-73).

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